

U.S. Marshals pledge resources to find Jill Behrman's killer

Deputies look to catch fugitive who has information about case

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Like many other viewers Jason Wojdylo tunes in to the TV show "America's Most Wanted" at night.

But unlike most, Wojdylo is a deputy with U.S. Marshals in Indiana.

While he was watching the show Saturday night, Wojdylo saw the segment about the Jill Behrman unsolved murder case.

Right after the show Wojdylo drove 35 miles to his office in Indianapolis and called the lead investigator for the case, Indiana State Police Detective Rick Lang, to pledge the help of the U.S. Marshals Service in apprehending Kerry Silvers.

Silvers is not a suspect in the killing of Behrman but shared a prison cell in the Lawrence County jail with a man suspected of committing Behrman's murder. The police believe Silvers has important information about Behrman's murder. Silvers is wanted by the police for escaping the Orange County jail and attempting to kill a sheriff's deputy during the escape.

The U.S. Marshals apprehend more fugitives than all other state law enforcement agencies combined, and Wojdylo pledges the same success in the Behrman case.

"I've been in Indiana for five months and I've heard bits and pieces about this investigation but I never connected the dots," Wojdylo said. "After viewing the 'America's Most Wanted' segment (and) realizing that there was a fugitive from justice who was wanted for questioning in connection with Jill's disappearance and death and the skills and specialty found through out the U.S. Marshals service I thought it was important to dedicate resources to bringing this aspect of this case to a conclusion. To do that we must locate Kerry Silvers."

The Indiana Daily Student reported Behrman's disappearance in late 2000. Behrman was last seen while riding her bike in Bloomington. Her bicycle was found later, but the body was still missing until March of 2003, when a hunter and his son found the remains of a human body in the woods near Martinsville. Scientists from the University of Indianapolis and IU-Purdue University Indianapolis used X-rays and dental records to confirm the remains were in fact Behrman.

Eric Behrman, Jill's father, said her case has been handled by several agencies during the past four years, and Wojdylo, who is new to the area, is going to provide the help of the U.S. Marshals.

"Our situation, is at first we wanted to find Jill and bring her home and that was our first and foremost

concern and we were happy when that took place," he said. "The next step is to find those who are responsible for her murder and bring those people to justice."

Wojdylo said Silvers is a very dangerous person.

"If anybody knows the whereabouts of Kerry Silvers or is associating with him ... I would encourage them to contact law enforcement and assist us in bringing him back to Indiana," he said.

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